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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF	)	
RICHARD R. ROESLER ET AL	)	GROUP NO.: 1711
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/663,826	)	EXAMINER:
FILED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2003	)	RABON A. SERGENT
TITLE: PROCESS FOR PREPARING	)	
ASPARTATES	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination with the following amendments and remarks. A separate Petition For Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

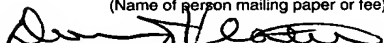
**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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